

Appln. No. 09/499,736

Attorney Docket No. T2147-906343

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the Amendment:

a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the Amendment amplifies issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; c) does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. By this amendment, Claim 15 has been amended to recite creating a challenge (D) capable of being transmitted by the communication means, the challenge including a first portion including at least one byte representing the type of challenge, and a second portion including at least one byte representing version information and alphanumeric characters, the type of challenge representing whether a network authentication has been performed. Independent Claim 35 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new independent system Claim 36 which is comparable to Claim 15.

Applicants respectfully submit the application is condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3264-906343) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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